

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

18 MAR 1977

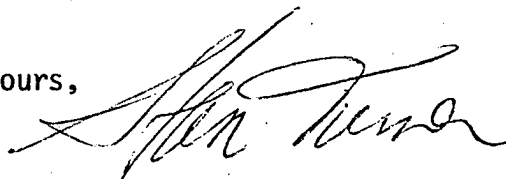
Dear John,

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter of congratulations. I need and appreciate the support of good friends like yourself because the challenge ahead is great.

John, I wish we could squeeze you in here at the Agency, but I'm very limited in the number of military people I can have on my personal staff. I certainly appreciate your obvious loyalty and your kind offer to help.

Thanks again and all the best.

Yours,



STANSFIELD TURNER  
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Sergeant John M. Appleton, USMC



STAT